

T R Y A L

And Examination of James Johnson, *alis* Macshane, who was Tryed at the King's Bench the 26th of this Instant November 1719 for Coyneing and Counterfeiting sixty Moyders

The first Evidence for the King was John Blare. who being Sworn said, That about the beginning of March last, the Prisoner came to his Lodging in Strand-Street at the white Cross at the House of Edward Short, and there declar'd his Secrets to him; which was, that he had a mind to Coyne a parcel of Moyders, and shew'd him two pieces of Lead, with the Impressions of a Moydore, stamp'd on each piece, Praying the said Blare (being a Gold-Smith) to give him directions to Guild them over after they were Coynd; that Blare ask'd him what use he design'd 'em for, who said that he design'd to leave them in a Friends House in the Country to keep, and to employ two other Friends to go at Night and to Robb that House, and afterwards to get Satisfaction from the Country; that Blare being resolv'd to Prosecute the Prisoner, gave him all the Encouragement he required: That the Prisoner fell to Work and Immediately Coynd about fifty Moydors of Block-Tinn, that when he was Coyning the same, the said Blare went out of the Room and desired the Landlord to go and see the said Macshane at Work, for that he was resolv'd to acquaint the Government, and to Prosecute the Prisoner and several others of his Confederates, that accordingly the said Short went into the Room and did take Notice.

The second Evidence was the said Short who being Sworn said, that according to the said Blears directions he went to see the Prisoner work, that he observed him coyning some Moyders, And that after he had done Coyneing that he had a small Bottle with some red stuff and a Feather, where with he Coloured the said Moyders and as fast as he rub'd or coloured them that he put them to dry, That

he asked the Prisoner what use they were for, who answered that they were for some Gentlemen in the country to divert themselves at Cards; But that the said Blare told him what the true and Roguish intent they were for as the Prisoner told him before and that the Prisoner was to pay him ten pounds to learn him the true Art of Guilding and that soon after he was informed that Blare gave examinations against the Prisoner before my Lord Chief Justice Whitshed. The said Blare being further Examined he said that the Prisoner told him that he had two stamps more. the one for Thirteens, and the other Five penny pieces

The third Evidence for the King was Mr. George Serjant, who being Sworn said, that of a Sunday when the Prisoner was Apprehended, the High Sherriff commanded him to come along with him to the House of Mr. Harford in Charles-street, that coming there he Apprehended the said Macshane, and told him it was upon my Lord Chief Justices Warrant, that he observ'd the Prisoner to put his Hand in his Pocket, and drop something, that after he took him into the Street and delivered him to the Sherriff, he came back into the Room with a Candle and searching he found two Papers, in one there was a Counterfit Pistole, and in the other some Gold Dust, all which was produc'd to the Judges and Jury, there was also two Brushes produced in Court that were taken out of his Pocket at my Lord Chief Justices House. After all the said Witnesses were Examined, the Prisoner was desired to make his Defence. and having none, he was Immediately found Guilty.

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